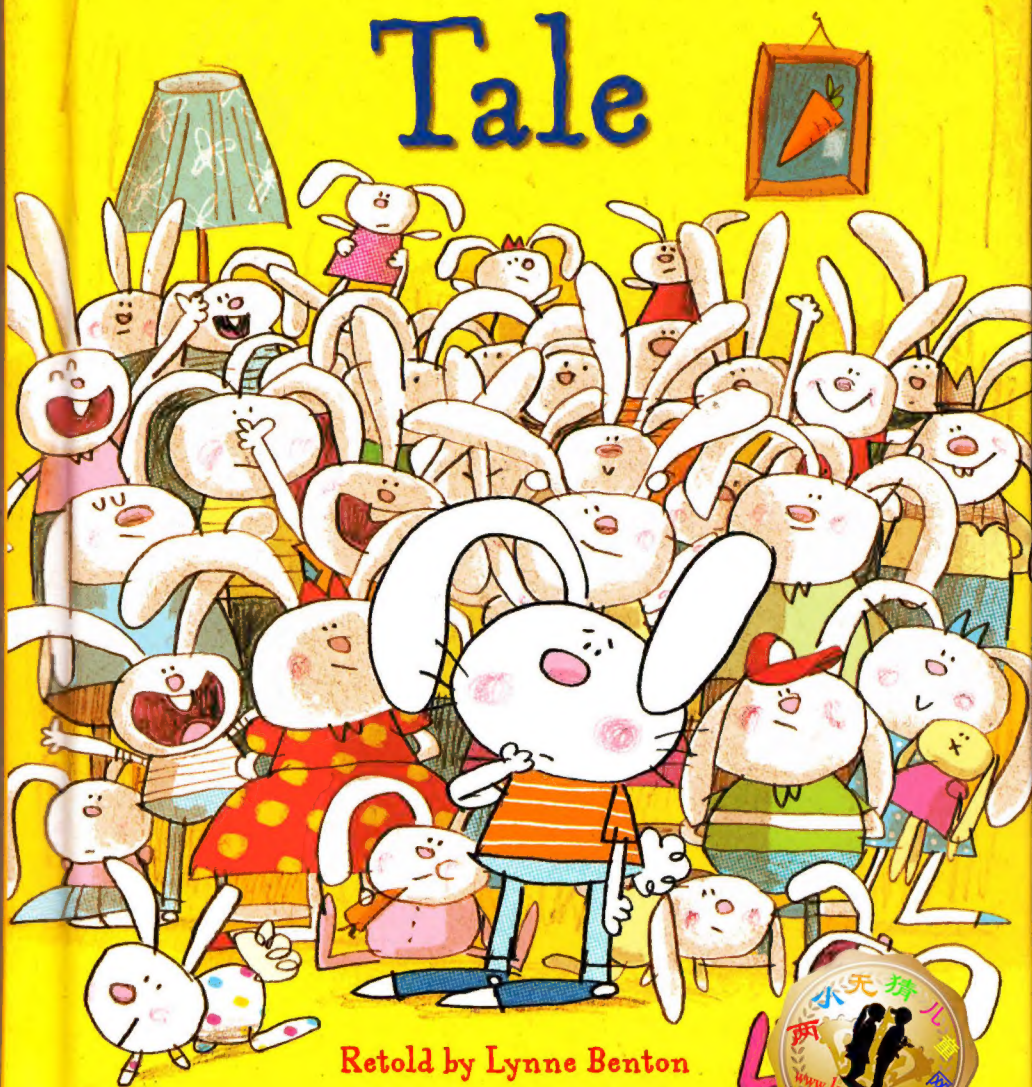


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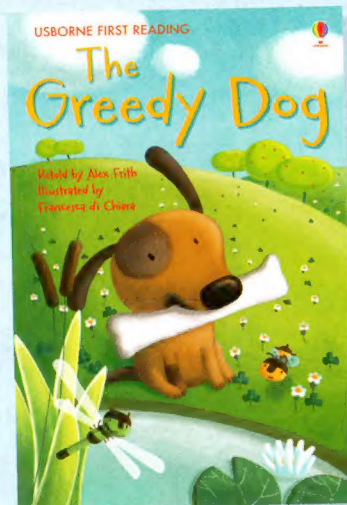
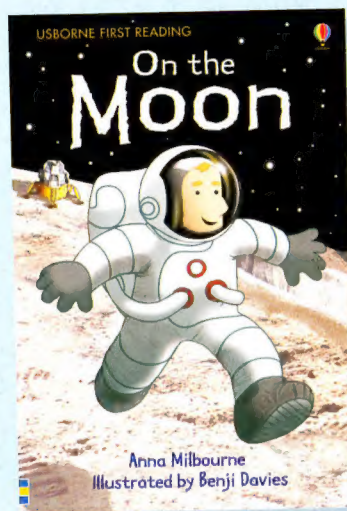
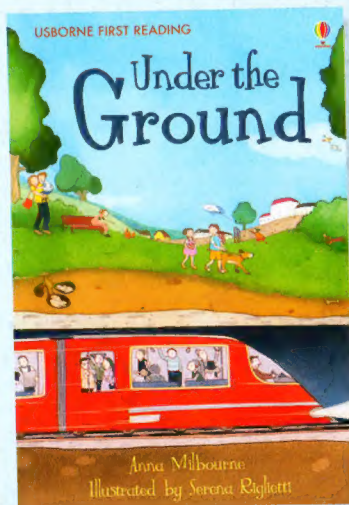
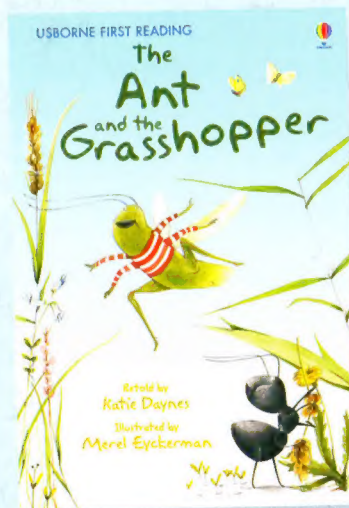
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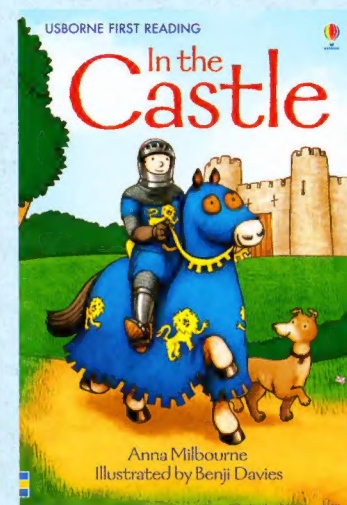
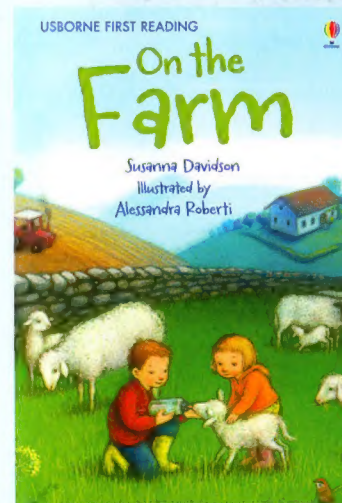
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Rabbit was sad.



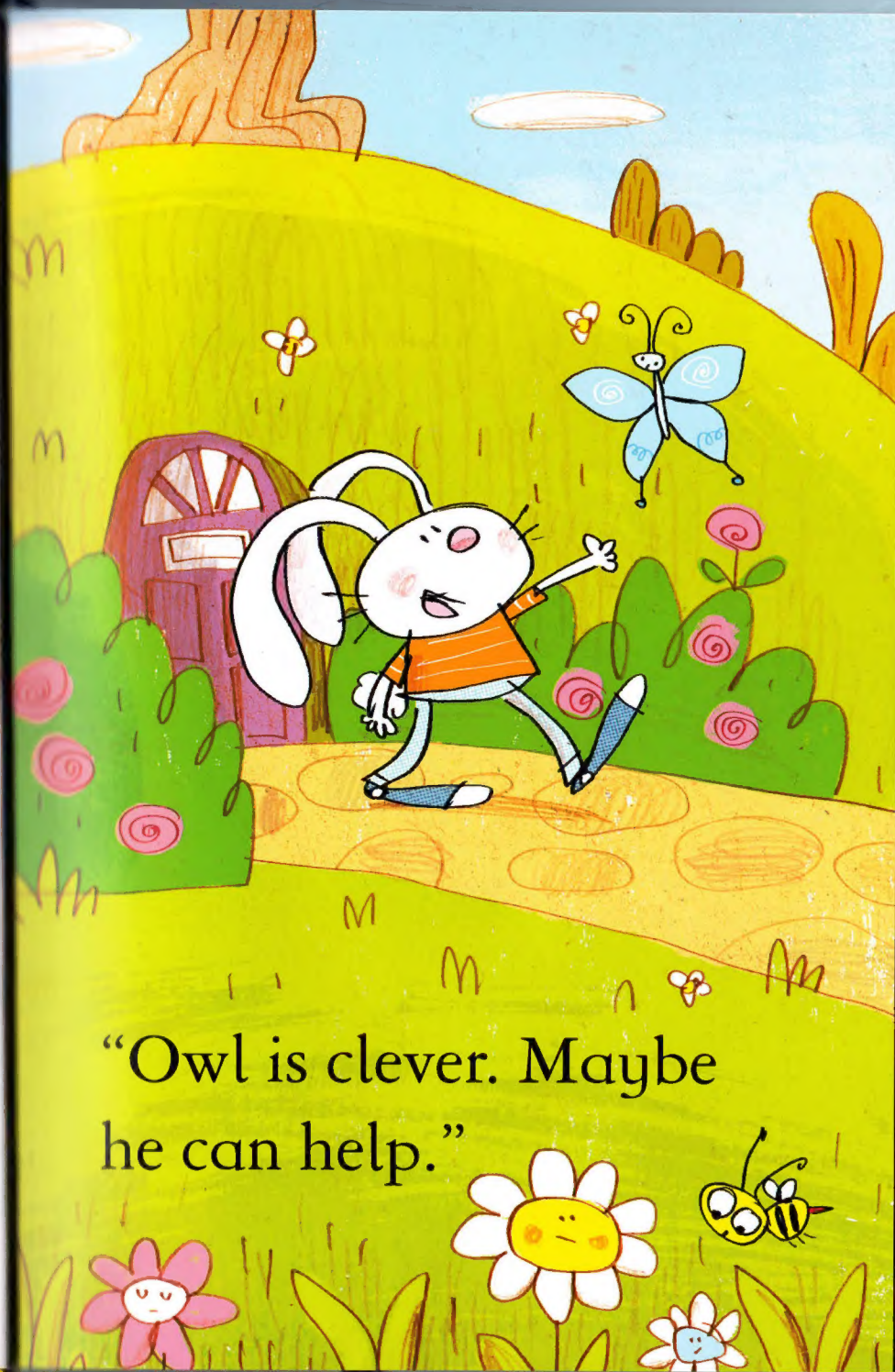
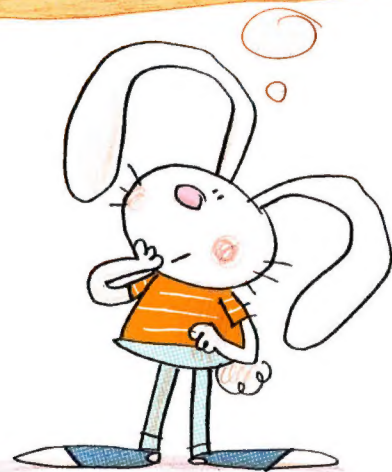
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His home was too small.




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"I need more room,"
he said.



"Owl is clever. Maybe
he can help."

An owl with large yellow eyes, wearing a red bow tie and grey pants, sits on a thick brown tree branch. A small red and yellow ladybug is on the branch next to it. The background shows stylized orange trees and a blue sky.

He went to see Owl.

A small white rabbit with long ears, wearing an orange and white striped shirt and blue pants, is running on a green field. A speech bubble points to it from the right. In the background, there are green trees, a yellow sun, and a tree stump. A large ladybug is on a leaf to the right.

My home is
too small. What
can I do?



Owl thought.

"Ask your brothers and sisters to stay," he said.



Rabbit was puzzled,



but he did as Owl said.

All his brothers and
sisters came.



It was a tight squeeze.



Rabbit went
back to Owl.



Now there's
less room! What
can I do?



Owl smiled. "Ask all
your friends too."



"Really?" said Rabbit.
But he did.



All his friends came.



Rabbit couldn't move.



He ran to Owl.



There's no room
for me!



Tell them it's
time to go home.



Everyone went home.



Rabbit was happy.



"All this space!"

Thank you Owl!



PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?



There are six to find.



Puzzle 2

Look at the pictures and put them in order:

A



B



C



D



Puzzle 3

What are Rabbit and Owl doing? Choose the right word for the picture:

reading thinking
sweeping jumping

A



B



C



D



Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2 - C A D B

C



A



D



B



Puzzle 3

A - sweeping

B - thinking



C - jumping

D - reading



About the story

The Rabbit's Tale is based on a European folk tale. There are lots of different versions of the story. Sometimes it is an old man or woman whose home is too small.



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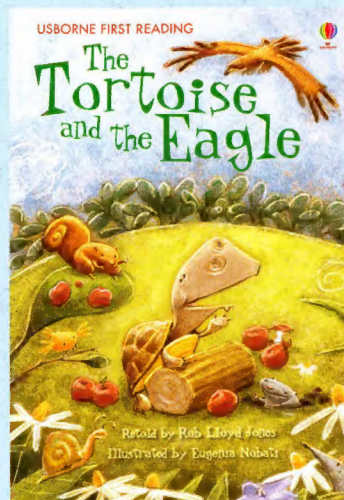
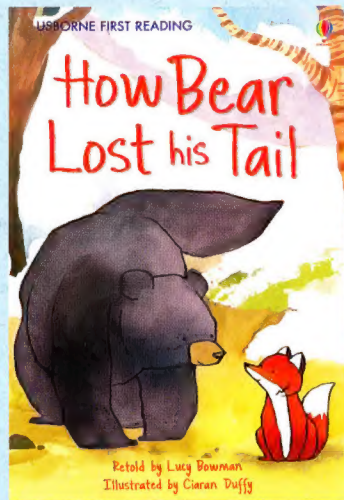


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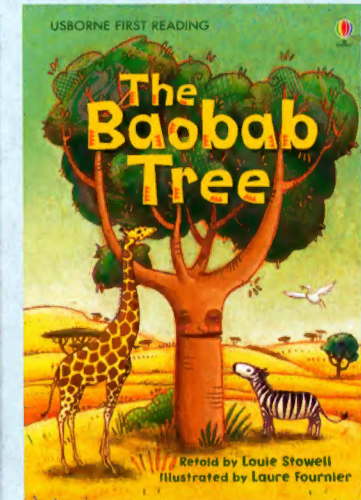
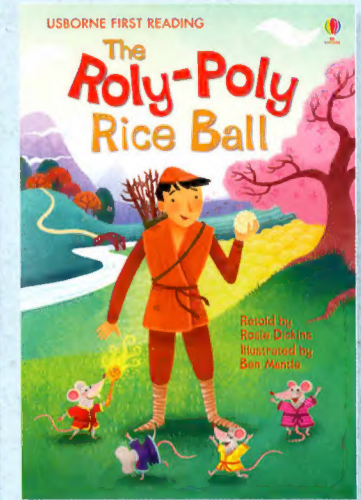
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